

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT  
BRANCH 1

VERNON COUNTY

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STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SENTENCING HEARING

LEWIS E. BYRD,

Case No. 16-CF-115

Defendant.

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BEFORE: HONORABLE MICHAEL J. ROSBOROUGH  
Circuit Court Judge

DATE: June 7, 2017

PLACE: Vernon County Circuit Court, Branch 1  
Viroqua, Wisconsin

APPEARANCES:

Mr. Timothy Gaskell, District Attorney, appearing  
on behalf of the Plaintiff;

Mr. Jeffrey Mochalski, Attorney at Law,  
appearing on behalf of the Defendant;  
Mr. Lewis Byrd, Defendant, appearing in  
person.

Geri Schrab, RPR, RMR  
District 7 Court Reporter  
LaCrosse County Courthouse  
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1 fleeing an officer charges. Since that time he was  
2 convicted of a -- looks like a first degree sexual  
3 assault case whereby he went to prison and had been  
4 incarcerated from November of 2006 until his release in  
5 June of 2015.

6 Interesting that the alternate -- alternative PSI  
7 talks about that period of time, and it remarks that,  
8 quote, it is remarkable that once released Mr. Byrd was  
9 able to flourish for a time following that lengthy term  
10 of imprisonment.

11 Well, about -- it appears that in May of 2016,  
12 Mr. Byrd absconded from supervision out of the State of  
13 Minnesota. They didn't have any idea where he was.  
14 There was a warrant out for him.

15 So Mr. Byrd flourished for about I guess 11  
16 months before he absconded from supervision on a very  
17 serious charge. Then during the time that he is in  
18 absconder status from May to August of last year, then  
19 we have this incident in Vernon County.

20 And Mr. Byrd basically agrees with -- indicated  
21 he agreed with the facts that are in the Complaint other  
22 than he denied that he was traveling at a high rate of  
23 speed.

24 The Criminal Complaint, your Honor -- I'm just  
25 going to read a portion of it. This is reference Deputy